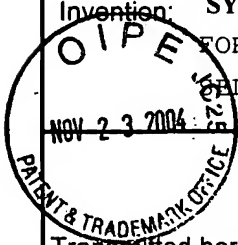


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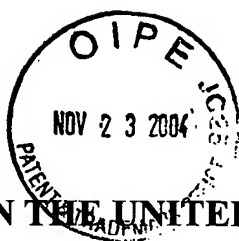
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In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed August 9, 2004 (Paper No. 7) ("Office Action"), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on August 9, 2004. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$55.00 (37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)) to cover the extension fee. Please charge any deficiencies in payment and credit any overpayment to Attorney's deposit account no. 23-1951.

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